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# Agenda + Minutes of 4.6.22

## Hanover High Council [Meeting #24]

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*“If your actions create a legacy that inspires others to dream more, learn more, do more, and become more, then, you are an excellent leader.”*

-- Dolly Parton [American country music singer-songwriter] --

**- Bring a Motion to Council - ANYONE Can! -**



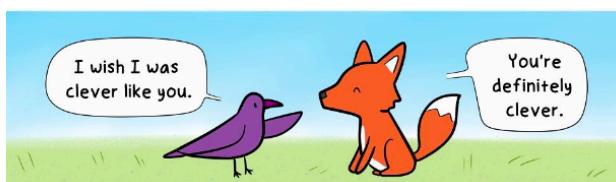
## The Bitesize Council Agenda + Minutes

### 1. Agenda

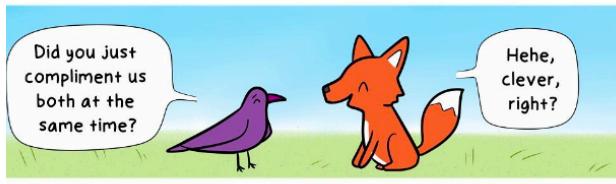
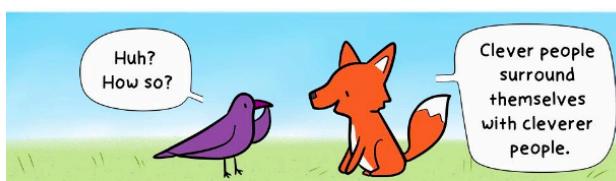
- a.  Tom Hanlon Cup Committee Nominations - 2021-2022
  - i. Description of Award
- b.  Course Standardization Policy Handbook Revision - 2021-2022
  - i. Comes with the Curriculum Committee's recommendation
  - ii. All sections of the same course must operate under the same grading system (grade weighting, retake + lateness policies, etc)
- c.  Administrative Committee Responsibility Reallocation Bylaw Revisio...
  - i. Admin Committee has struggled with planning MLK Day
    1. Less knowledge about topics + difficult logistics of planning
    - ii. Moving responsibility to a new committee w/ dedicated members

### 2. Minutes

- a.  Course Standardization Policy Handbook Revision - 2021-2022 **PASSES**
  - i. Initial disagreement and suggestion to table the motion
    1. Idea is not well thought-out / Better ways to do this
  - ii. Following an impassioned speech by motion's author ...
    1. Adding nuance to the motion defeats the purpose
    2. Most students appreciate leniency, but they agree that this motion will ultimately create a fairer system
- b.  Administrative Committee Responsibility Reallocation Bylaw Revisio...  
**PASSES [unanimously]**
  - i. MLK Day Celebration needs to be a celebration that is inspiring
  - ii. Committee with more experience + passion should take the reins



Fun Fact #53: The star-nosed mole and water shrew can smell under water.



## Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes
2. Reports
3.  Tom Hanlon Cup - 2021-2022 [ELECTIONS]
4.  Course Standardization Policy Handbook Revision - 2021-2022
5.  Administrative Committee Responsibility Reallocation Bylaw Revision - 2021-2...
6. Notes and New Business

## Minutes

### 1. Approval of Minutes

### 2. Reports

- Moderator [*Pierce Seigne*]:
  - Missed Council last week and will miss everyone next week
  - Wind Ensemble + Band concert on 4.6.22 (if you want to come)
  - Entered Council election season (look at Schoology)
    - Only 4 more Council meetings left
  - If you want to help out Council, just contact Pierce
  - Would like to welcome Lebanon High School's Moderator Miles Sturges and Assistant Moderator Mary Rainey
    - They are here to observe, but can definitely speak if they want to
- Assistant Moderator [*Zane Schiffman*]:
  - If you need a signature affirming that you were at the meeting for Council elections, come find me after the meeting
- Mod, A Mod, and HHS Administration Meeting [*Pierce Seigne*]:
  - Discussed Course Standardization motion and a space for Council to meet (will be meeting in the Auditorium for the rest of the year)
- Treasurer [*Riley McGuire*]:
  - Council Fund: \$4,549.11 + Co-Curricular Fund: \$5,760.04
  - Survey was sent out to clubs regarding the budget for next year
- Dresden School Board Representative [*Kate McCaull*]
  - There is a special meeting that [speaker] will try to intend
    - Norwich meeting for HHS participants in the MCS/Environmental March Intensive to present their findings
- Public Relations Person [*Lily Versteeg*] - No Report
- Committee on Programming and Procedure Rep. [*Zane Schiffman*]:
  - New exam schedule due to the announcement of a different school ending ... will look a little different this year
  - Unclear if it passed all the departments

- A-Mod Zane Schiffman attended this meeting + gave the report
- **Administrative Committee [Vidushi Sharma]:**
  - Discussed the creation of an MLK Day / Equity Committee (on agenda)
- **Curriculum Committee [Alex Rockmore]:**
  - Talked about the Course Standardization motion (on agenda) and discussed potential Curric bylaw changes
- **Organizational Engineering Committee [Anna Healey]:**
  - Discussed Council elections, 8<sup>th</sup> grade elections, and the time capsule
- **Student Activities Committee [Theo Burdick]:**
  - Started making a Spring Carnival allocation and should send a student sign-up form by the end of the week
- **Student Life Committee [Kavi Patel]:**
  - Continued bylaw work and will start planning a school-wide event
- **Scheduling Committee [Kate McCaull + Shayna Rockmore]:**
  - The committee presented the results of the survey that was sent to all students to a staff meeting
  - Neither representative attended the meeting
  - Principal Stevenson supplemented the report
    - Interesting break-down in results of the survey
      - Was able to see what certain grades, sexes, etc. were saying about the schedule
    - See what is actually based on “what you hear on the street”
      - Everything is not what it seems
      - Conceptions of how much HW students receive are not true
    - Survey will be helpful in trying to figure out the schedule
- **Council's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ad Hoc Committee [Zane Schiffman]:**
  - Sophie Wise ('24) and Zane Schiffman ('22) went out with a metal detector to see if they could find the time capsule
    - Metal joints buried somewhere underneath the SAU 70 logo (where the time capsule might be) ... metal detector will not work
    - In the process of trying to get the official records from Pathways when they did the architecture for the new school in 2007
      - Supposed to include anything that was buried on the property ... should be able to find it
    - Otherwise, we are looking for a ground penetrating radar (if anyone has one)
- **Dresden School Board Athletics Subcommittee [Zane Schiffman]:**
  - Have not met yet this month
    - Unclear if they will meet because they might not have elected a new chair

- **Historical Records Committee [Patrick Elder]** - No Report
- **New Mascot Selection and Implementation Committee [Kavi Patel]:**
  - Will meet tomorrow - Currently flagging potential designs for further review ... Stay tuned!
- **Staff Meeting Report [Beth Ryan]:**
  - Started the meeting with the three student advocates, encouraging staff to use correct names and pronouns
  - There was a motion to form a committee focusing on ninth grade pedagogy as the ninth graders move to HHS
  - Conversation about exam and scheduling options
    - Ms. Stevenson gave a report on that and the staff got the same Schedule Committee feedback for the rest of the meeting
- **Secretary [Saia Patel]:**
  - [Council Recording Disclaimer](#) | Senior + Junior + Staff Alts. may vote

### 3. [Tom Hanlon Cup - 2021-2022](#) [ELECTIONS]

- Discussion
  - If anyone would like to speak to reasons for voting for the nominees, you may speak
  - Kirk Garner ('22)
    - Good guy ... Not a Council member but still keeps things democratic at HHS
  - Saia Patel ('22)
    - You just have to look at the Council [website](#) to see the improvements that were made in less than a year
    - Has really put a lot of work into Council
    - Always working on making Council a better body
  - Alex Rockmore ('22)
    - Did a really good job with the  [Honors Social Studies Resolution](#)
      - Poured his whole heart into it
      - Sparked some important conversation in Council
      - Made everyone in the school think about what it means to be a democracy
  - August Chu ('24) and Tara Marshall ('24)
    - Have really promoted racial equity in the school ... especially microaggressions against AAPI
  - Kavi Patel ('24)
    - It is apparent from the first few minutes of talking to him to figure out that he is on Council

- He worked really hard on the [Microgrant Bylaw Revision - 2021-2022](#), and plans to make it a lasting committee
  - Kavi Patel ('24) and Josh Stearns ('24)
    - For their outstanding (continued) work on the Mascot Committee
- 2-Minute Recession for Voting
- Recipient of Tom Hanlon Cup will be announced at the Awards Ceremony

#### 4. [Course Standardization Policy Handbook Revision - 2021-2022](#)

*[Alex Rockmore on behalf of the Curriculum Committee]*

- Debate (continued from last meeting)
  - There is merit to both sides of the debate (evenly split), but does not address the motion's intent
    - Some people want policies to be more standardized
      - Some classes that [speaker] has been in have offered extra credit, while other sections of the same classes have not
      - Creates an equality/equity issue ... in the classes w/ extra credit, people generally get higher grades
    - Some people are nervous about this change
      - Could cause more stress in the lives of students (teachers would default to the more strict policy)
    - When we make a decision like this, we have to ask if this will improve HHS culture
      - [Speaker] really thinks it does not
      - Motion is not addressing what it is meant to address
      - Motion needs more work to create more of a compromise
  - Have heard many conversations about this motion
    - People think it is a decision of equity or fairness
      - We cannot debate that
      - This motion is about how we function as a school
    - Has been in classes with multiple sections
      - Lucked out and ended up with a teacher who was more forgiving ... did better in the class than peers
    - System does not work ... the current system is hurting us right now
      - We are not addressing the culture that is causing this issue, but we need to do something
  - We should table this motion for the time being because of the encouragement given to the Staff to try to figure this out by themselves

- Solution might be more inclusive and thought-out ... not just new rules, which are only as effective as Staff are willing to stand behind the new rules
- Surprised by the disagreement [Motion's Author]
  - Confused why this is not well thought-out or there is a more nuanced way to go about this
    - Adding more nuance to this concept defeats the purpose
  - Maybe it is true that stricter policies do not work ... that is a pedagogical debate ... not qualified to debate that
    - If you are a teacher who has a forgiving grading policy ... while that is great for the kids in your section, the kids in another section are screwed
    - Kids in each section get the same credit for different grading policies ... some took a much harder class
  - This is a great motion to pass as a starting point
    - Regardless of what the new policy becomes, it should be the same in each section
    - You can say that we should have more lenient grading policies (speaker agrees) ... but we should not have more lenient grading policies at the expense of students who do not happen to know which teachers are easier than others
- Agree with the intent of this motion
  - In the end, the wording is too ambiguous
  - There will be conflicts between teachers about differing grading policies ... do not feel confident supporting this motion
- By passing this motion, we are sparking conversation
  - Between teachers, they are able to discuss grading policies and reach a compromise
  - Motion will make this school a fairer place (which we talk a lot about HHS)
    - Does not make sense that there is now a motion that would make it a fairer place, but people are against this motion
- In complete agreement with this motion
  - Most students appreciate leniency, but they agree that this motion will ultimately create a fairer system
  - [Speaker] totally reaped the benefits of having an older sibling attend HHS ... knew which teachers to take
    - Changed entire schedule to avoid a certain teacher
- Important to note that the motion says that the policies have to be the same, but the ways teachers grade assignments do not have to be

- Teachers still have the freedom to grade their classes the way they want ... no matter what policy their is
- As adults, they should be able to compromise with other teachers
  - Easier said than done, but it is not unreasonable
- See both sides of the coin, as a teacher
  - Understands why students need to know the grading standards before the class starts, but understands the values that teachers have when it comes to running their classes
  - This motion will help promote conversations between teachers
- \* Point of Information \*
  - Is there a way to see if there are points on the speakers list that have not been made yet?
    - Debate has already been closed ... too late
    - Often something that the Moderator will do, but a majority of the body moved to close debate (by saying 'aye') ... indicates level of support there was to vote
- Motion PASSES | [Roll Call Vote](#)
- \* Point of Information \*
  - Principal Stevenson still needs to approve or veto this motion
    - Do not go to your classrooms and demand that the teacher change their policies
    - If she vetoes this motion, Council can call a quorum and override the veto by  $\frac{2}{3}$
    - If she approves this motion, it will not be in effect until the next school year

## 5. [Administrative Committee Responsibility Reallocation Bylaw Revision - 2021-2...](#)

**[Vidushi Sharma ('23)]**

- Intent Statement
  - I move to make the following changes to the bylaws under section VII: Committees to read ... [click on link to view all changes]
  - Seconded by Theo Burdick ('24)
- Authorship Speech [click on link to view entire speech]
- Question Session
  - What election material would the [Admin Committee](#) review?
    - Making sure that the posters are appropriate, according to the Council Bylaws
    - [OEC](#) usually takes care of that, though

- It is mentioned that the committee may refer a motion to another committee if they see fit. Does the other committee have any say in this process?
  - Absolutely ... the other committee will definitely have a say
- It says that the school administration signs the motion approval sheet before a handbook change is made. Should a record of this sheet be included in the Council minutes or the [+ Master List of Motions](#)?
  - Ideally, the [+ Master List of Motions](#), but also the Council minutes, too
- Debate
  - Last year, [speaker] helped organize and plan MLK Day celebration ... it is a lot of work
    - In the past, some celebrations have been incredibly inspiring
      - But sometimes, the celebrations feel repetitive
    - In support of this motion
      - A committee that has more experience and passion for planning this important event should take the reins
  - Motion **PASSES** [unanimously] | Handcount Vote (2/3 Vote to Pass)

## 6. Notes + New Business

- We need to help organize the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration ... please contact Pierce Seigne
- If you want to write a piece on Council for the *Broadsheet* ... please contact Vidushi Sharma
- Following the passing of the [Shamrock Sheet](#), [speaker] realized that the phrasing of the language is extremely limiting to the mobilization of students seeking to reschedule their test
  - Uses the verb “must” ... should just be “may” or “can”
  - RESPONSE: Direct feedback to Megan Hembree
- Could the Moderator speak to the [Spring Council Calendar 2022](#) and how event planning is going?
  - RESPONSE: Will do it at a later date
- Name cards should be displayed!

*Meeting Adjourns*

**- Past Council Agenda + Minutes -**

<a href="#">Agenda + Minutes of 3.23.22</a>	<a href="#">Agenda + Minutes of 3.9.22</a>
<a href="#">Agenda + Minutes of 3.2.22</a>	<a href="#">Agenda + Minutes of 2.23.22</a>
<a href="#">Agenda + Minutes of 2.2.22</a>	<a href="#">Agenda + Minutes of 1.26.22</a>
<a href="#">Agenda + Minutes of 1.12.22</a>	<a href="#">Agenda + Minutes of 1.5.22</a>
<a href="#">Agenda + Minutes of 12.15.21</a>	<a href="#">Agenda + Minutes of 12.8.21</a>
<a href="#">Agenda + Minutes of 12.1.21</a>	<a href="#">Agenda + Minutes of 11.17.21</a>
<a href="#">Agenda + Minutes of 11.10.21</a>	<a href="#">Agenda + Minutes of 11.3.21</a>
<a href="#">Agenda + Minutes of 10.27.21</a>	<a href="#">Agenda + Minutes of 10.20.21</a>
<a href="#">Agenda + Minutes of 10.6.21</a>	<a href="#">Agenda + Minutes of 9.29.21</a>
<a href="#">Agenda + Minutes of 9.22.21</a>	<a href="#">Agenda + Minutes of 9.15.21</a>
<a href="#">Agenda + Minutes of 9.8.21</a>	<a href="#">Agenda + Minutes of 9.1.21</a>

**- Council Links -**

<a href="#">HHS Handbook</a>	<a href="#">Council Bylaws</a>	<a href="#">Council Website</a>
<a href="#">Roll Call Record</a>	<a href="#">Meeting Attendance</a>	<a href="#">Council Members</a>
<a href="#">Broadside Archives</a>	<a href="#">Council Feedback Form</a>	<a href="#">Council Instagram</a>
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**- HHS Clubs + Organizations -**

<u>Clubs + Organizations</u>	<u>Links</u>	<u>Meeting Time</u>
<i>The Broadside</i>	<a href="#">Instagram</a> / <a href="#">Website</a>	Library on Thursday (Activity)
DECA	<a href="#">Instagram</a> / <a href="#">Website</a>	Room 118 on Thursday (Activity)
Environmental Club	<a href="#">Instagram</a>	Room 226 on Tuesday (Activity)
Fashion Club	<a href="#">Instagram</a> / <a href="#">Join</a> / <a href="#">Email</a>	
French Club	<a href="#">Instagram</a>	Room 246 every other Friday
The Hot Take	<a href="#">Instagram</a>	Room R11 on Thursday (Activity)
Houseplant Club	<a href="#">Instagram</a>	Room 233 on Monday (Lunch)
Mokagraphia Club		Room 107 on Tuesday (Activity)
She's the First	<a href="#">Instagram</a>	Room 124 on Thursday (Lunch)

Please email [hhs-council@hanovernorwichschools.org](mailto:hhs-council@hanovernorwichschools.org) to add relevant info!

**- Resources to Build Community + Well-Being -**

<a href="#">AAPI Resources</a>	<a href="#">BLM Resources</a>	<a href="#">Change Resources</a>
<a href="#">Crisis Hotlines</a>	<a href="#">HHS Support Services</a>	<a href="#">HHS Climate Action Plan</a>

**- School Counseling Meeting Links -**

<a href="#">Tom Eberhardt</a>	<a href="#">Laurie Harrington</a>	<a href="#">Wendy Kares</a>	<a href="#">Elizabeth Keene</a>
<a href="#">Chris Seibel</a>	<a href="#">Kyle Storey</a>	<a href="#">Devon Voake</a>	<a href="#">Sara Wilmot</a>